through cash grants for reduction of cash losses by State Power sUtilities.

(iv) Stringent legal provisions have been made in Electricity Act, 2003 and rules made under the Act for dealing with theft of electricity.

(v) Emphasis is given on metering of feeders and supply to consumers for energy accounting and auditing for identifying location of high losses.

(vi) Accelerated Generation and Supply Programme (AG&SP) is implemented to support capacity augmentation through renovation and modernization and new generation schemes.

Functioning of power stations

1871. SHRI C. PERUMAL Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Power Monitoring Centre for monitoring real time data on the functioning of all power stations has been set up;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the performance of central power stations has improved after setting up of the Centre;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir. National Power Monitoring Centre for monitoring real time data on functioning of all power stations has started functioning *w.e.f.* December, 2005.

(b) Real time power data for all five regions of the country namely Northern, Western, Southern, Eastern and North-East is received. Apart from online data, various off-line data is also being updated.

(c) and (d) Generation & Transmission outages are monitored on daily basis to ensure early restoration which is evident from achievement of all India generation which is 99.1% of the target of generation till February, 2006 and it is expected to achieve the annual target.

(e) Does not arise.